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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/689,169	LIEPERT ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
Theresa Trieu	3748	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,4-7,9 and 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 2,3,8,10,11 and 16 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on October 20, 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date October 20, 2003.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, “counterweight assembly comprises at least two counterweights” recited in claims 7 and 15, must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled “Replacement Sheet” in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Sekiya et al. (Sekiya) (Patent Number 5,336,068).

Regarding claims 1 and 9, as shown in Fig.1, Sekiya discloses a scroll vacuum pump apparatus comprising a scroll set having an inlet and an outlet (4), the scroll set comprising a stationary/orbiting element (1, 2) including a stationary/orbiting scroll blade (1a, 2a) from a single side of a stationary/orbiting plate (not numbered; however, clearly seen in Fig. 1), wherein the stationary and orbiting scroll blades are intermeshed together to define one or more interblade pockets (3); and a drive mechanism operatively coupled to the orbiting scroll element (2), the drive mechanism including a motor (11) and a crankshaft (8) having an axis of rotation, and an orbiting bearing (7a, 7b) coupled between the crankshaft and the orbiting plate, wherein the scroll set is configured such that an imaginary plane perpendicular to the axis of rotation (8a) passes through the orbiting bearing (7a, 7b) and at least a portion of the orbiting scroll blade (2a).

Regarding claims 4-6 and 12-14, Sekiya further discloses the crankshaft includes an eccentric portion (6) and the orbiting bearing (7a, 7b) is coupled between the eccentric portion of the crankshaft (8) and the orbiting plate; a counterweight assembly (9) being connected to the crankshaft (8) and comprising a single counterweight.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. *Claims 7 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sekiya.*

Sekiya discloses the invention as recited above; however, Sekiya fails to disclose the counterweight assembly comprising at least two counterweights. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to have utilized the at least two counterweights, since it has been held that mere duplication of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. *St. Regis Paper Co. v. Bemis Co., Inc.*, 193 USPQ 8 (7th Cir. 1977).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2, 3, 8, 10, 11 and 16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Prior Art

The IDS (PTO-1449) filed on October 20, 2003 has been considered. An initialized copy is attached hereto.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure and consists of four patents.

Busch et al. (Patent Number 3,560,119) disclose a fluid pump or motor.

Itoh et al. (Patent Number 6,746,224) disclose a scroll compressor provided with steps on end plates of the fixed and orbiting scrolls.

Yoshioka et al. (Publication Number JP 03-156185) disclose a scroll type fluid machine.

Sasahara et al. (Publication Number JP 04-121483) disclose a scroll type fluid machine having a height of the outer circumferential side of a lap larger than the height of the inner circumferential side.

Communication

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Theresa Trieu whose telephone number is 703-308-6434. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:30am- 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E Denion can be reached on 703-308-2623. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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